

## APD NEWS

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#### Murder #21

**Case:** 2010-2421955

Date: Monday, August 30, 2010

**Time:** 8:41 p.m.

**Location:** 1901 Rogge Lane

**Deceased:** Deborah Diane Gordon, White female, D.O.B. 12-04-1951

#### Narrative:

On Monday, August 30, 2010 at 8:41 p.m., Austin Police Officers responded to a deceased person call at 1901 Rogge Lane. When officers arrived they found the body of a deceased female inside the residence as well as John Malcolm Nordstrom III. Due to the state of the body detectives were unable to immediately identify the decedent. The decedent was subsequently identified as Deborah Diane Gordon, the wife of John Nordstrom III. Early indications led investigators to believe that the death was possibly was a suicide.

Through the investigation and evidence obtained it has been determined that Nordstrom murdered Gordon by shooting her. John Malcolm Nordstrom III was indicted by a grand jury yesterday with 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Felony Murder. He was booked into the Travis County jail. Bond was set at \$200,000.

This was Austin's 21st murder of 2010. There were 15 murders at this time in 2009.

The Austin Murders that were initially numbered 21 and 22 have been renumbered. Murder #22 occurred on Wonsley Drive and Murder #23 occurred on McNeil Road.

The case remains under investigation by homicide detectives. Anyone with information is asked to call the Homicide tip line at 512-477-3588, Crime Stoppers at 512-472-TIPS or text "Tip 103" + your message to CRIMES. You may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000 if your tip leads to an arrest or charges being filed.



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**Media Advisory:** There will be a press conference at APD Headquarters at 3 p.m. today to discuss Murders 21, 22, and 23.

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